

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
March 3, 2016**

The regular meeting of the East Goshen Township Park and Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at the Township Building. The meeting was moved to the Board room to accommodate a video presentation and was called to order by Chairman Joe Zulli at 7:05pm.

The following Commission members were present:

Betsy Williams	Daria Porreca
Ed Coyle	Christine Taraborelli
Peter Knupp	Debbie Snyder
Anne Marie Fletcher-Moore	Barbara Jacobs

Others Present were:

Jason Lang, Director of Recreation
Representatives from the Exchange Club of West Chester
Eric Meyer, Conservancy Commission

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe asked for a moment of silence to remember our troops and veterans.

Joe asked if anyone was recording the meeting. There was no response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Joe announced to the Commission that the Park Master Plan was adopted by the BOS at their March 1, 2016 meeting. It was suggested that we contact the Conservancy Board about the location of a restroom facility in the Applebrook Park.

Joe introduced new commission member Barbara Jacobs and briefly outlined board functions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permit request by the Exchange Club of West Chester. This is a local branch of the national organization whose overall mission is to prevent child abuse. In addition, they support other West Chester community activities and outreach programs. They are requesting use of the Township Park for a "Field of Honor" Flag Display from May 24 to May 31, 2017 (Memorial Day weekend) to honor military veterans: active duty ,those killed, wounded and missing in action. A video presentation was given about this event so we could see what has been done in the past in other regions of the country. This is the first time the Exchange Club has sponsored this event. A display of 1000 – 1500 flags is anticipated. Local businesses and organizations will fund event. Community volunteers will help set up event. Family members may sponsor a flag (\$25) and take it home at the conclusion of the event. Set up will take place on Friday. Colonial Flags provides an aerial layout. 1/2- inch rebar stakes are put into the ground and flag poles slip over them. Flag display is lighted 24 hours. Opening ceremony on Saturday and closing ceremony on Monday. The permit request was viewed favorably by board but concerns for 24-hour lighting and security during display will be sent to BOS for their input. The Exchange Club will be contacted later about approval.

2. Community Day Band. Jason reported that a new band, Not Quitting Our Day Jobs, will play for free at the event.

3. Community Day Food Trucks. In the past, 5 hot food and 3 dessert trucks were used. There is a need to add more trucks. #1 food truck was Happy Pita. The board approved adding the following food trucks:
Mad Dash (gourmet grilled cheese), Ma Ma Mia (Italian), Philly Fries, Wonder Chef (high end fusion).

Discussion about adding a table ran by Park & Rec just for cold drinks (soda, water) was held. This would help reduce time standing in lines at food trucks if only a cold drink was needed. Funds would go to Park & Rec. Logistics about keeping drinks cold was raised. Topic will be further discussed at later time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park Master Plan. Now that the plan has been approved by the BOS, Jason will start the grant writing process with Tom Comitta. Jason gave a tentative time line as follows: April – June: apply for grants; November: find out about grants; January 2017: sign contract; March – April: construction. Demolition will take about 1 week and construction about 2 weeks.
2. Neighborhood Connection Map. Jason reported that another grant from DVRPC for transportation plans will be applied for in late April.
3. Paoli Pike Trail Update. Grants have been applied for multi -purpose trails. Should know by summer if the trail will become a reality.
4. Paoli Hospital will set up a booth on Market day to distribute nutritional information.
5. Recreation Program. A needs assessment survey will be conducted and distributed in the spring. The new online registration for summer camp programs is ready to roll out.
6. Park Maintenance. Winter storm damage is being addressed in park. Tennis courts will begin repairs in 2 – 3 weeks. Suggestion was made for a new sign addressing use for tennis playing only on courts. 3rd court will be lined with tape for pickle ball use.
7. Annual Egg Hunt. Event date March 26. Coffee and donuts available. 9:45 all events to start. Jason ordered 10,000 eggs. Volunteers needed for 1) Raffle-2lb chocolate bunny before Egg hunt, FOEG to pull wining raffle ticket 2) 2-3 volunteers to stand in egg hunt zones 3) 2- 3 volunteers needed for prize booth
There will be 2 new tables at Egg hunt. 1. Table to show new playground plans. One person is needed to video Tape responses about park plan 2. Table with information about the Paoli Pike Trail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Snyder
Substitute Secretary